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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ZUOHUI TANG, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ELOY AGUIRRE, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. CV 17-2031 MWF (SSx)

ORDER SUMMARILY REMANDING

IMPROPERLY-REMOVED ACTION

The Court will remand this unlawful detainer action to state court summarily because Defendant removed it improperly.

On March 14, 2017, Defendant Eloy Aguirre, having been sued in a routine unlawful detainer action in California state court, filed a Notice Of Removal of that action to this Court and also presented an application to proceed in forma pauperis. The Court has denied the latter application under separate cover because the action was not properly removed. To prevent the action from remaining in jurisdictional limbo, the Court issues this Order to remand the action to state court.

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Simply stated, this action could not have been originally filed in federal court because the complaint does not competently allege facts supporting either diversity or federal-question 28 U.S.C. jurisdiction, and therefore removal is improper. § 1441(a); see Exxon Mobil Corp. v. Allapattah Svcs., Inc., 545 U.S. 546, 563 (2005). Defendant's Notice Of Removal asserts that federal question jurisdiction exists because Defendant's Answer the determination of Defendant's rights and "depend[s] on Plaintiff's duties under federal law." (Notice Of Removal at 3). These allegations are inadequate to confer federal question jurisdiction. See Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc. v. Thompson, 478 U.S. 804, 808 (1986) ("A defense that raises a federal question is inadequate to confer federal jurisdiction.").

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that (1) this matter be REMANDED to the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, for lack of subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1447(c); (2) the Clerk send a certified copy of this Order to the state court; and (3) the

Clerk serve copies of this Order on the parties.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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